

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 208063
ORIGIN EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-15 SSO-00 CCO-00 /028 R

DRAFTED BY EUR/WE:BMCKINLEY:JKB
APPROVED BY EUR - REBARBOUR
S/S - DANDERSON
-----130890 311519Z /45
Z 311503Z AUG 77 ZFF4
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY ROME FLASH

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 208063

ROME FOR CHARGE AND SARROS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS), IT

SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF SECRETARY'S SEPTEMBER TRIP TO
VIENNA AND ROME - AUDIENCE WITH POPE

1. PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY TO APPROPRIATE VATICAN
OFFICIALS THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY
TO POPE PAUL:

"YOUR HOLINESS:

THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE AGREED THAT THE
MEETING SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 7 IN VIENNA TO DIS-
CUSS LIMITATIONS ON STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS
WILL BE DEFERRED TO WASHINGTON BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 22,
IN ORDER TO ENABLE BOTH SIDES TO COMPLETE THEIR PREPARATIONS
FOR THE MEETING. IN ADDITION, I AM OBLIGED TO BE PRESENT
IN WASHINGTON FOR THE CEREMONIES SEPTEMBER 6 TO 8 ON THE
OCCASION OF THE SIGNING OF THE NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATIES.
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 208063

UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, UNFORESEEN AT THE TIME I PLANNED
MY VISIT TO ROME, I AM NOT NOW ABLE TO TRAVEL TO EUROPE IN
SEPTEMBER. I DEEPLY APPRECIATED YOUR VERY KIND OFFER TO
RECEIVE ME IN AUDIENCE AT CASTEL GANDOLFO AND I HOPE THAT
MY CHANGE OF PLANS HAS CAUSED YOU NO INCONVENIENCE. I TRUST

I SHALL HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY SOON TO HOLD THE
DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU ON IMPORTANT WORLD PROBLEMS TO WHICH
I HAD SO MUCH LOOKED FORWARD.

SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE."

2. FYI: CANCELLATION OF SEPTEMBER 5-10 TRIP TO EUROPE AND
POSTPONEMENT OF TALKS WITH GROMYKO WILL BE ANNOUNCED
SIMULTANEOUSLY IN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW. ANNOUNCEMENT WILL
NOT REFER SPECIFICALLY TO ROME STOP. WE DO NOT PLAN TO
RELEASE MESSAGE TO POPE BUT HAVE NO OBJECTION SHOULD
VATICAN WISH TO DO SO.

3. AUTOMATICALLY DECLASSIFIED WHEN PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
MADE. CHRISTOPHER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 31-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE208063
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: BMCKINLEY:JKB
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770315-0058
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t1977082/aaaaabqa.tel
Line Count: 77
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 51ec5b52-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 19-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1474518
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CANCELLATION OF SECRETARY'S SEPTEMBER TRIP TO VIENNA AND ROME - AUDIENCE WITH POPE
TAGS: OVIP, IT, (VANCE, CYRUS)
To: ROME
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/51ec5b52-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009